



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 6

Meeting Date: February 13, 2008

Meeting Location: Teleconference

Council Members Present: At Miami County: Chair Glynn Hipp, DCS Regional Manager; Fay Russell, Miami County Acting Director; Cassie Bault, Miami DCS Supervisor

At Cass County: Judge Leo Burns

At Fulton County: Judge Douglas Morton

At Wabash County: Judge Robert McCallen

Council Members Absent: Chris Ackerman, Fulton DCS Director; Margie Justice, Wabash County Director

Others In Attendance: Marilyn Robinson, Howard DCS Director; Dave Eiler, Community Partners for Child Safety; Kim Keller, Community Partners for Child Safety; Jim Shively IV B Coordinator

<h3>Meeting Minutes</h3>

Meeting Called to Order at: 4:00 pm

1. Community Partners received a total of 49 referrals for January. Out of those twelve were enrolled. In 2007, Community Partners contacted 99% of their referrals within the first five days. They served a total of 125 families, and 26 out of 31 showed improvement. This figure does not include the families that moved away or stopped the services. Also, this number is dependent upon families finishing a "post inventory test". Most families finish the services with Community Partners, but have not completed the post inventory test. This test gives the numbers that Community Partners shares with us.
Kim is still having a little trouble finding people to join the steering committee. She would like to see if parents that have been through Community Partners would like to join the steering committee. There has been some discussion in the past about who the Department of Child Services can refer to Community Partners. You can make a referral for any

family that does not have an open case (substantiated or unsubstantiated). Community Partners is still looking for a second person to hire. So far they have received two applications, but are hoping for more. The advertisement ran in each county's primary paper two weeks before this meeting and on February 9th. The referral totals for 2007 are: Cass – 64, Fulton – 34, Howard – 72, Miami – 51, and Wabash – 61.

2. We are currently closing out the 30 month/2 year cycle in 2008. We will be looking at RFP's for the next 30 month/2year cycle for January 2009 to June 30, 2011. If you need any materials you can go on-line at www.in.gov/dcs/3456.htm to overview pieces and service standards for the next round. Just as an overview - IV B exists to have providers with the highest standards for the counties to use. The RFP was publicized by 1-15-08. Unofficially, the meeting was held at the end of January. By March 3rd, the documents need to be submitted from the providers. The referrals have been streamlined and will be scored by counties. Hopefully there will be reviews by May 7th. The summary is a 10-12 page document showing what is available with billing and other information. Please remember that these contracts are 0 based contracts. This means that you only need to use them on an as needed basis. Dodson, Shively and Associates will hopefully have a summary of the proposals to us a week after they receive them.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: March 5, 2008

Meeting Adjourned at: 4:37 pm